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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

### **AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND GANG INTERVENTION SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute, after review and approval by County Counsel, modifications to 14 contracts with community-based organizations (CBOs) as set forth on Attachment A to extend the current contracts for one year effective October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007, at an estimated maximum amount of \$2 million fully financed by net County cost (NCC). Funding for these contract modifications is included in the FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to approve the addition or replacement of any agency subcontracting with the CBOs.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to execute modifications to the contracts not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the total contract cost and/or one hundred eighty (180) days to the period of performance pursuant to the terms contained therein, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to extend 14 existing contracts for gang intervention services (see Attachment A) funded under NCC for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The contracts, which expire on September 30, 2006, are with CBOs that provide gang intervention services in five (5) Clusters which are geographically consistent with the five (5) Supervisorial Districts. The Probation Department plans to conduct a competitive bid process for similar services and the proposed extension would avoid a break in services.

In the Hollywood Area of Cluster 3, Communities in Schools, the previous service provider, did not extend their contract past the previous June 30, 2006 expiration date. Services for that area will be provided to the community through existing resources until a new contract is awarded.

The contract extensions will continue the current services that include individual/family/group counseling, case coordination, and transportation services for gang-involved youth. The services are especially necessary in light of the escalation of gang violence. The services will enhance community supervision efforts that increase probationer accountability and school safety collaborative efforts that ensure that youth have safe passages to and from school.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal #5: Children and Families' Well-Being, as implementation of the recommendations will enable the Probation Department to continue the coordination and collaboration of integrated services for probation and gang involved youth and their families.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost to extend the current gang intervention contracts for one year is \$2 million. Funding for these contracts are included in the FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget. The contracts include provisions for non-appropriation of funds and budget reductions.



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### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On April 13, 2004, your Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept \$27,961,789 in fourth year JJCPA funding for FY 2004-2005 from the State of California Board of Corrections (BOC), upon approval of the County of Los Angeles Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification (Plan). In May 2004, the BOC approved the Plan and allocated the funds to the County.

The FY 2004-2005 Plan included the merging of the Gang Intervention and Intensive Transition services programs into the new High Risk/High Needs program, and restructuring all the Gender Specific services programs (community, camps, and juvenile halls). Probation immediately began working on solicitations for new services. In the interim, the gang intervention, intensive transition, and gender-specific services contracts were extended through October 31, 2004.

To prevent a break in services during the extended solicitation period, the gang intervention contracts were extended again through January 31, 2005. However, due to an escalation of racial and ethnic gang violence at the high school level, Probation proposed that the gang intervention services be continued past their expiration date to address the spike in gang activity. The Board approved the proposal and the contracts were extended through June 30, 2005, with a one-year option to renew. Through the authority delegated to the Chief Probation Officer, the contracts have been extended through their current expiration date of September 30, 2006. Attached is a detail listing of the CBOs, proposed contract amount, and service areas.

The Department will not request the contractors to perform services, which exceed the Board approved contract amount, scope of work, and/or contract dates.

In accordance with the Department of Human Resources memorandum dated November 16, 1995, these contracts have been reviewed in regard to the provisions for hiring displaced County employees. The contractors agree to give first consideration to hire permanent County employees targeted for layoff, or qualified former County employees who are on a re-employment list after the effective date of these contracts and during the life of the contracts.

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In accordance with the Chief Administrative Office memorandum dated October 6, 1997, these contracts contain County requirements regarding the hiring of participants in the GAIN/GROW program.

The contracts include all County requirements, including, non-responsibility and debarment, child support compliance, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and the provisions of paid jury service time for their employees.

These are Non-Prop A contracts. Consequently, there are no departmental employee relations' issues and they will not result in a reduction of County services.

The Department has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended contracts.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the department to continue providing gang intervention services and will continue the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Probation Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel



**PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS  
GANG INTERVENTION CONTRACTS  
OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

ATTACHMENT A

AGENCY NAME	Contract Number	Area (Cluster) Served	Proposed Funding FY 05/06
Art Share- Bell/ South Gate	Prob 0077	1	\$136,764
Art Share- Highland Park/ E. L.A.	Prob 0078	1	\$136,764
Art Share- Pomona/San Gabriel Valley	Prob 0078	1	\$136,764
Asian American Drug Abuse-Crenshaw/West LA	Prob 0073	2	\$136,764
Asian American Drug Abuse-Florence/Firestone	Prob 0073	2	\$136,764
Stop the Violence Increase the Peace-Watts/Inglewood	Prob 0080	2	\$136,764
Communities in Schools-Venice	74659	3	\$61,541
Communities in Schools-San Fernando	Prob 0072	3	\$266,688
Communities n Schools- Santa Clarita/ San Fernando	74659	5	\$136,764
Helpline Youth- Long Beach/South Bay	Prob 0081	4	\$136,764
Helpline Youth- Whittier/Bellflower	Prob 0082	4	\$136,764
Helpline Youth-N. Long Beach/Lakewood	Prob 0081	4	\$136,764
Asian Youth Center-San Gabriel	74660	5	\$136,764
United Community Action Network-Antelope Valley	Prob 0083	5	\$136,764
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,969,397</b>